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YES, MAYBE IT'S TRUE THAT MY FIANCEE ABIGAIL PIDN'T HAVE ANY









I DON'T BLAME PEOPLE FOR LAWSHING AT US! IT'S RIDICULOUS, INVESTIGATING THIS STORY OF A GIANT APE WHICH INHABITED THIS REGION IN PREHISTORIO TIMES!

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THAN WERE AMAZED TO FIND A NATIVE TRIBE DEEP IN THE INTERIOR, THAT WORSHIPPED A

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OLD!

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T isn't only in Kentucky that family feuds are known to take place. Here's the story of one which took place in far-off India, Little Ratifore was the last surviving member of his family. while huge, burly Pundara was the last of his. For generations, the two families had warred, and Ratijore was sick of it. Nobody even remembered the original cause of the feud, and all it had ever brought was misery and death. And so young, puny Ratijore determined to seek out Pundara and talk peace. It was an ill-advised mission, because it almost cost him his life. He barely managed to escape from his brawny foeman, who swore he would enhance the family honor by slaying him the first time he could

catch up with him.

Their city was a comparatively small one, and Ratijore knew that it would only be a matter of time before Pundara made good his threat. He was too small and weak to meet such a formidable adversary, and deciding that discretion was definitely the better part of valor. Ratijore left town in a humy. He didn't return for many years. During that time, it was necessary to make a living, and he did so by apprenticing himself to a Hindu fakir, or master magician. He learned all the tricks of the trade, even the rare and difficult one in which the fakir causes a rope to stand rigidly, then climbs the rope, disappearing into thin air at the top. The rope, of course, always remains rigid until the magician reappears and clambers down it to the ground, to receive the plaudits of the amazed audience, Ratijore became one of the most famous fakirs in all India, and traveled everywhere to display his great skill. In the course of his travels, it was inevitable that he return to the city of his birth, for the people who had known him were clamoring to see the great man. At first he had trepidations, remembering Pundara and his threat, but common sense lulled his fears. After all, so many years had passed - the feud must have been forgotten by now! But this was not the case.

Ratijore learned of his danger the

very day he returned to his home town. He was in the public square, putting on a demonstration of his magic for a cheering circle of people, and had just grasped his rope, ready to perform his specialty, when a young boy burst excitedly through the ring of spectators. "Run, Ratifore!" he panted. "Pundara has found out vou're here - and he's on his way. armed with his father's sword! He - he says he's going to finish the feud, and he'll be here any moment! You'd better there he comes now!"

With a roar, big Pundara swung down on him brandishing his sword. There was no time for parley or conciliation - now Ratijore knew that his enemy would never rest until he had paid with his life. There was only one thing to do, and that was run. Grabbing his rope, he sprinted, his pursuer hot on his heels. Frantically, Ratijore dodged through alleys, but he couldn't shake him off. Pundara was gaining - it was only a matter of time! Triumph on his face, the big man swung around a corner into a small square. knowing that it was here that he'd corner his adversary. He stopped suddenly, wonderingly, for the square was empty. But there, in the middle of it, he saw the fakir's rope standing rigidly erect. And Ratijore was nowhere in sight! But Pundara wasn't being fooled. He knew this old trick - his enemy must have climbed therope, disappearing into some strange, invisible land at the top. Well, he wasn't escaping- if he could go there, Pundara could pursue! And so up the rope swarmed Pundara - up, up to the top - and nothingness!

Now there was only the rope, standing rigidly erect. Wait - what was that movement? It was Ratijore, detaching himself from the shadow of a house. He crept towards the rope, looking wide-eyed up its length. Slowly, he waved both hands while strange, guttural words came from his lips. And suddenly the rope fell to the ground. Stooping, the fakir retrieved it, wound it about his arm and walked slowly away, a . strange smile playing about his lips.

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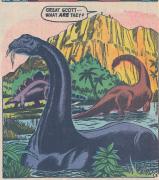
















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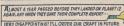












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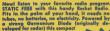
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"Dear Editor:

For the past few months now, I've taken a special interest in 'Adventures Into The Unknown'. I have over 223 comics of all kinds, but mone of them is as good as your magazine. If you'd like to know the reason why, it's because of stories like I Keop Dreaming of Grandpa', in your Issue No. 72. That one was the greatest | I think it may well be my all-time favorite. Comparatiolations your stories are just the kind I've been looking for

It always makes us feel good when a reader's favorite happens to be ours, tool Thanks, Herbert, and you cannest assured that we'll continue to try to bring youexactly what you want in exciting readinal.

I don't know whether I'd call "Adventures Into The Unknown" the best comic published, but it certainly is one of three best! It's because of the novel plots you run. They're not only excit-

ing, but they're different from the rest. Better, I'd say! - Maebell Traubel, Milwaukee, Wis." What are the names of those other two magazines, Maebell? We like to know who our strongest competition is! Glad you like our plots. They take a lot of work, but it's worth it!

"Dear Editor:-Congratulations on your August issue - on excellent piece of work! The best story was 'The Lost Year of Sir Francis Drake', which was completely great. I've been a constant reader of "Adventures Into The Unknown" for years, and in my opinion, the greatest story you've ever published was "The Mask of Mumbo", in May, 1952. At that time, I thought that if any weird story could surpass it, I'd be amazed. But "The Lost Year" comes close to it! You people sure are on the right

track - frequently, your stories are superb. A truly thrilling magazine - Dalton Pierson, Missoula, Montana" It's hard to disagree with a man who says such nice things, the wire doing it. "The Lost Year" was okay, but no world-beater. "Meak of kumbo" was okay, but no world-beater. "Meak of kumbo" was othailer, and pretty good. But in our opinion, neither is even in the same leopue with "The Many Lives of Mark Merrin", No. 67, Oct., 1955; or "It keep Dreaming of Grandpo", No. 72, April, 1956. Did you read thace, Mr. Pierson'f Isa, what's

your opinion? "Dear Editor:-

Let's start off by my saying that I like horror stories, and I want to know why I can't have them. What's the lowdown on this?

Albert Sussman, Richmond, Va."

Very simple, Albert. All warthy comics publishers have subscribed to a code which calls for clean and decant comics. And readers awaywhere have found that they're for better comics.—featuring thrilling and unusual tales of the imagination rather than drivel. You're outvoted about a hundred to onel

"Dear Editors

If there are better covers than "Adventures Into The Unknown" carries, I'd like to see them. Yours sure are about the most exciting on the stands. The stories, tool - Francis J. Knoblock, Mansfield, O."

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Okay, Vincent - we're publishing your letter. But we're wondering if you meant it, or if you were Unst trying to be a wise guy. If this is your opinion, we're sorry for it, and would like to know in what ways you feel we are falling short. A million other readers are enthusiastic about our offorts we'd like to make it a million and onel

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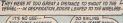
























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